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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: priority theme: review of further implementation of the World Summit for Social Development and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Draft submitted by the Chairperson of the Commission for Social Development on the basis of informal consultations

Declaration on the tenth anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development

We, the representatives of Governments gathering at the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development in New York on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development, held at Copenhagen in 1995, in the context of the review of the outcome of the Summit and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly and its contribution to the high-level plenary meeting for the review of the Millennium Declaration, to be held from 14 to 16 September 2005,

1. *Reaffirm* that the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the Summit and the further initiatives for social development adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth special session constitute the basic framework for the promotion of social development for all at the national and international levels;

2. *Recognize* that the implementation of the Copenhagen commitments and the attainment of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, are mutually reinforcing and that the Copenhagen commitments are crucial to a coherent, people-centred approach to development;

3. *Stress* that policies and programmes designed to achieve poverty eradication should include specific measures to foster social integration, including by providing marginalized socio-economic sectors and groups with equal access to opportunities;

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4. *Reaffirm* that an employment strategy which aims to promote full, freely chosen and productive employment with full respect for fundamental principles and rights at work under conditions of equity, equality, security and dignity should constitute a fundamental component of any development strategy, also reaffirm that macroeconomic policies should, inter alia, support employment creation, and agree that the social impact and dimension of globalization deserve further attention;

5. *Recommit* to promoting social integration by fostering societies that are stable, safe and just and that are based on the promotion and protection of all human rights, as well as on non-discrimination, tolerance, respect for diversity, equality of opportunity, solidarity, security and participation of all people, including disadvantaged and vulnerable groups and persons;

6. *Reaffirm* the importance of promoting and attaining the goals of universal and equitable access to quality education, the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and the access of all to primary health care as part of the effort to eradicate poverty, promote full and productive employment and foster social integration, and also recognize the continued need to address the impact of HIV/AIDS and other major infectious diseases on social and economic development;

7. *Recognize* that gender equality and the full participation of women in society are integral to building a society for all and must be at the centre of all economic and social development, and recommit ourselves to the urgent goal of achieving gender equality, to eliminating discrimination against women and to ensuring their full participation in all areas of life and at all levels;

8. *Reaffirm* that enhanced international cooperation and action at the national level are essential to the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action, underline the importance of adopting effective measures, including new financial mechanisms as appropriate, to support the efforts of developing countries to achieve sustained economic growth, sustainable development, poverty eradication and strengthening of their democratic systems, reaffirm that each country has primary responsibility for its own economic and social development and that national policies have the leading role in the development process, and also reaffirm that good governance is essential to sustainable development;

9. *Recognize* that ten years after Copenhagen, despite the efforts made and progress achieved in economic and social development, the situation of many developing countries, particularly in Africa and the least developed countries as well as countries with economies in transition, requires further attention and action, and renew our commitment to support national efforts to promote a favourable environment for social and economic development, including the provision of technical and financial assistance as appropriate, including through regional and other initiatives such as the New Partnership for Africa's Development;

10. *Dedicate* ourselves, a decade after Copenhagen, on the basis of our common pursuit of social development, to building solidarity, and renew our invitation to all people in all countries and in all walks of life, as well as the international community, to join in realizing our shared vision for a more just and equitable world, and therefore reaffirm our will and commitment to continue implementing the Declaration and Programme of Action, in particular to eradicate poverty, promote full and productive employment and foster social integration to achieve stable, safe and just societies for all.

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Austria, Belgium,* Cyprus,* Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia,* Finland,* France, Germany, Greece,* Hungary,* Ireland,* Italy, Latvia,* Lithuania,* Luxembourg,* Malta, Netherlands,* Poland,* Portugal,* Slovakia,* Slovenia*, Spain, Sweden* and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:* draft resolution

Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities and protection of their human rights

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"*The Economic and Social Council,*

"*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which the Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, 48/96 of 20 December 1993, by which it adopted the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, 56/168 of 19 December 2001, by which it established the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities, 58/132 of 22 December 2003 and 59/198 of 20 December 2004,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 2002/26 of 24 July 2002 and 2004/15 of 21 July 2004 on further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities and protection of the human rights of persons with disabilities,

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"*Encouraged* by the elaboration of a convention carried out in the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities,

"*Mindful* of the need to adopt and implement effective strategies and policies to promote the rights and the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities in economic, social, cultural and political life on the basis of equality in order to achieve a society for all,

"*Noting with satisfaction* that the Standard Rules on the Equalization of the Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities play an increasingly important role in the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities,

"*Recalling* General Assembly decision 59/521 of 20 December 2004, whereby the Assembly decided to postpone consideration of the issue of the proposed supplement to the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities[1] until its sixty-first session, at the latest, and requested the Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission for Social Development to take into account the general ideas contained in the proposed supplement to the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities in the accomplishment of her mandate,

"1. *Welcomes* the work of the Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission for Social Development, and takes note of her report;[2]

"2. *Urges* Governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to take practical action to create greater awareness and support for the further implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities;

"3. *Invites* the relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, including relevant human rights treaty bodies, within their respective mandates, and urges the regional commissions, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, in particular organizations of persons with disabilities, to work closely with the United Nations programme on persons with disabilities to promote the rights of persons with disabilities, including activities at the field level, by sharing knowledge, experiences, results and recommendations concerning persons with disabilities;

"4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen and improve mechanisms for consultation, the exchange of information and coordination, as appropriate, and the active participation of the relevant United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and related organizations to further the implementation of the Standard Rules;

[1] E/CN.5/2002/4, annex.
[2] E/CN.5/2005/5.

"5. *Encourages* Governments and the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, to enhance cooperation with organizations of persons with disabilities and other organizations concerned with disability issues in order to implement the Standard Rules in an effective and coordinated manner, and invites multilateral development agencies to pay due attention to disability-related human rights issues in connection with the projects they fund;

"6. *Also encourages* Governments, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to continue to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability in order to support the activities of the Special Rapporteur as well as new and expanded initiatives to strengthen national capacities for equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities;

"7. *Decides* to renew the mandate of the Special Rapporteur through 31 December 2008 to further the promotion and monitoring of the Standard Rules in accordance with the provisions set down in section 4 of the Standard Rules, including the human rights dimensions of disability, while taking into account the general ideas contained in the proposed supplement to the Standard Rules[1] in the accomplishment of her mandate;

"8. *Encourages* the Special Rapporteur to continue to participate in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities;

"9. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur, to submit an annual report on the monitoring of the implementation of the Standard Rules to the Commission for Social Development."

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Chile, El Salvador, Japan, Mexico and Uruguay:* draft resolution

Comprehensive and integral international convention to protect and promote the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Comprehensive and integral international convention to protect and promote the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities

"*The Economic and Social Council*,

"*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 56/168 of 19 December 2001, by which the Assembly established an Ad Hoc Committee, open to the participation of all Member States and observers of the United Nations, to consider proposals for a comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities, based on the holistic approach in the work carried out in the fields of social development, human rights and non-discrimination and taking into account the recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission for Social Development,

"*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 2004/14 of 21 July 2004 on a comprehensive and integral international convention to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities,

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"*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 58/246 of 23 December 2003, in which the Assembly decided that the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities should start negotiations on a draft convention at its third session,

"*Welcoming* the important contributions made so far to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee by all stakeholders,

"*Reaffirming* the universality, indivisibility and interdependence of all human rights and fundamental freedoms and the need for their full enjoyment to be guaranteed to persons with disabilities, without discrimination,

"*Convinced* of the contribution that a convention can make in this regard, and encouraged by the increased support of the international community for such a convention,

"*Recognizing* the positive steps taken by Governments, including continued collaboration at the regional and international levels, to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities,

"1. *Welcomes* the important progress achieved so far in the negotiation of a draft convention, and invites Member States and observers to continue to participate actively and constructively in the Ad Hoc Committee, with a view to an early conclusion of a draft text of a convention in order to present it to the General Assembly, as a matter of priority, for adoption;

"2. Re*quests* the Commission for Social Development to continue to contribute to the process of negotiation of a draft international convention, bearing in mind its area of expertise and experience in the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities[1] and the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;[2]

"3. *Welcomes* the contributions of the Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission to the process of elaboration of a draft convention, and requests the Special Rapporteur to contribute further to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, drawing from her experience in the monitoring of the Standard Rules by, inter alia, providing her views on the elements to be considered in a draft international convention;

"4. *Requests* the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, through its Division for Social Policy and Development, to continue to support the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, in collaboration with the Special Rapporteur and other relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, through, inter alia, the provision of information on issues related to a draft international convention and the promotion of awareness of the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, from within existing resources;

"5. *Underlines* the importance of strengthening cooperation and coordination between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in order to

[1] General Assembly resolution 48/96, annex.

[2] A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendations I (IV).

provide technical support to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 59/198 of 20 December 2004;

"6. *Invites* bodies, organs and entities of the United Nations system as well as non-governmental organizations, national disability and human rights institutions and independent experts with an interest in the matter to continue to participate in the Ad Hoc Committee and to contribute to its work;

"7. *Encourages* the relevant bodies of the United Nations to continue to promote and support the active participation of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, in accordance with General Assembly decision 56/510 of 23 July 2002 and Assembly resolution 57/229 of 18 December 2002;

"8. *Invites* Governments, civil society and the private sector to contribute to the voluntary fund established by the General Assembly to support the participation of non-governmental organizations and experts from developing countries, in particular from least developed countries, in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee;

"9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to disseminate widely to non-governmental organizations all available information on accreditation procedures, modalities and supportive measures for their participation in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, as well as the criteria for the financial assistance that is available through the voluntary fund;

"10. *Stresses* the need for additional efforts to ensure reasonable accessibility to facilities and documentation at the United Nations for all persons with disabilities, in accordance with General Assembly decision 56/474 of 23 July 2002;

"11. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the Special Rapporteur to report to the Commission for Social Development at its forty-fourth session, on the implementation of the present resolution."

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Provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session of the Commission

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Priority theme: review of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

   (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
      (i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
      (ii) World Programme of Action for Youth;
      (iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing;
      (iv) Family issues, policies and programmes.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General: proposals for conducting the review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

4. Programme questions and other matters.
5. Provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-fourth session.

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Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-third session

Draft report

Rapporteur: Mr. Octavian **Stamate** (Romania)

Chapter ____. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission for Social Development held its forty-third session at United Nations Headquarters on 20 February 2004 and from 9 to 18 February 2005. The Commission held ____ meetings (1st to ___).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.5/2005/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. In subparagraph (c) of its decision 2002/210 of 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided that immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission for Social Development would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other members of the Bureau. In pursuance of that decision, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation at its 1st meeting, on 20 February 2004:

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Chairperson:
Dumisani Shadrack (South Africa)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Paloma Durán (Spain)
Ewald Wensley Limon (Suriname)
Hossein Moeini Meybodi (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Octavian Stamate (Romania)

4. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 February 2005, the Commission was advised that Ms. Durán was unable to carry out her functions as Vice-Chairperson.

5. Consequently, the Commission elected Gerda Vogl (Austria) by acclamation as Vice-Chairperson to replace Ms. Durán.

6. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Commission designated Octavian Stamate (Romania) Vice-Chairman with rapporteurial responsibilities.

D. Agenda and organization of work

7. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 February, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.5/2005/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Priority theme: review of further implementation of the World Summit for Social Development and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;
   (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
      (i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
      (ii) World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond;
      (iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;
      (iv) Tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond.
4. Programme questions and other matters:
   (a) Programme performance and implementation for the biennium 2002-2003;
   (b) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007;
   (c) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.
5. Provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-third session.

8. Also at the 2nd meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.5/2005/L.1.

E. Documentation

9. The documents before the Commission at its forty-third session are listed in annex ____ to the present report.